

KEY DATES TERM 3 - Please check the school website calendar regularly

Mon 29th July, 3:00pm	Kiwi Spelling Bee Competition entries close
Thur 1st August, 7:00pm	PTA Meeting, Staffroom
Thur 8th August, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Tues 13th August, 6:00pm	Rāroa New Parents Information Evening
Wed 14th August, 9:00-10:30am	Rāroa New Parents Open Morning
Wed 14th August, 1:40pm	New Parents Information Seminar, Staffroom
Wed 21st August	Skipathon fundraiser
Friday 23rd August	Staff Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 30th August	Daffodil Day
Mon 2nd - Fri 6th September	Scholastic Book Week
Tues 10th September	Year 1-4 Futsal tournament
Wed 11th September	Year 3-6 Futsal tournament
Thur 12th September	Year 5-6 Futsal tournament
Thur 12th September, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Staffroom
Sat 14th September	St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival
Friday 27th September, 3:00pm	Last Day Term 3

2025 Term Dates

Start: Monday 3rd February and Finish: Wednesday 17th December

Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back for term 3. This week we started our work developing our Ngaio School Graduate Profiles. We are working with Perry Rush and Brenda Martin from Tui Tuia Learning Circle on this project and had a

great session yesterday, firstly with our leadership team then with the wider staff. It's an exciting piece of work that will evolve as the year goes on. There will be opportunities for you to engage in this work at some stage too. A Graduate Profile helps describe the qualities that we all want to shape in our students over their time at school. It is a framework to define our expectations for ākonga, encompassing the attitudes, values and qualities they develop over their time with us.

Property continues to be a challenging area of mahi. We are thrilled to be at the finishing end of the flood remediation, with only a few small jobs left to conclude this work. This means that very soon we will be welcoming whānau back for hui. The re-cladding of Rūma 15 is ongoing and ahead of schedule. Some areas were in better condition than expected but balanced out by more rot than expected in another area! Plans are well underway to create an accessible bathroom, supported by the Ministry of Education and we're underway with the planning for much needed new guttering on the main block.

We're currently collating our mid-year achievement data which will be presented to the Board at the week 3 Board Meeting. This mahi always follows mid-year reporting and helps inform our learning priorities for the rest of the year.

We're excited to be preparing for our upcoming Skipathon. Please see the notice below and support your tamariki to gather sponsors.

Ngā mihi nui

Raewyn Watson
Te Tumuaki

Regional cross country results

Well done again to our Ngaio School cross country for more incredible results - this time at the Regional Cross Country race in Paekākāriki.

3rd Finn P, 9th Ezekiel, 19th Tommy H, 20th Mila G, 21st Cerys and 34th Poppy.

The top ten places now move on to the Inter-Regional race on Thursday 26th September.

Good luck Finn and Ezekiel!

SKIPATHON



Ngaio School is running a Skipathon on Wednesday 21st August as a fundraiser to improve the quality of our digital devices.

The Skipathon is designed for everyone regardless of skipping ability or amount they are able to raise. We have enough skipping ropes for everyone - you don't need to provide a skipping rope.

How does the Skipathon work?

Each child will work with their classroom teacher to choose an appropriate challenge to practise as part of their daily fitness at school, e.g. learn a new skipping trick or skip for a set amount of time etc.

For some children this will be learning to skip or learning fundamental movement skills that will help with learning to skip.

Ākonga will share their Skipathon challenge with you on Seesaw.

What are we fundraising for?

Ngaio School still desperately needs to update our stock of digital devices. While the 2023 Mathathon helped, we currently still have 75 Chromebooks and 41 iPads that are operating well beyond their End of Life date and need to be replaced. These devices have been in use at Ngaio School for between 7-9 years, and are no longer fit for the purpose of teaching Digital Technology as it is laid out in the New Zealand Curriculum, or to support other learning across the curriculum. They have broken parts, poor internet connections, full storage capacities, outdated applications, expired software and slow processing speeds. Ākonga and kaiako find them incredibly frustrating to use.

We would be very appreciative of any support you can give to this important cause!

Please feel free to forward this form to family and friends to help raise as much as possible! <https://forms.gle/Avp3bPg96ePBHh989>

Monday 29 July - Tuesday 20 August - Children collect sponsors and practise their skipping at home (optional) and at school. Please feel free to share this Google Form with friends and family.

Wednesday 21 August - Skipathon Day in Houses. We will aim to provide catch up opportunities for children who miss Skip-a-thon day.

Thursday 22 August - Sponsors will be notified that the Skip-a-thon has been completed. Please deposit all funds collected directly into the Ngaio School bank account **12-3140-0210759-00**.

Particulars:

Student's name/s:

Code: Room Number

Reference: Skipathon

Final day for sponsorship payments: Thursday 5 September

All sponsored children will go into the draw for a special prize. The House with the most funds raised will receive a thank you prize.

Wellington North Rotary Club Sunflower Fund

Annually, Wellington North Rotary donate \$250.00 to the school. Because it is important for us not to let any students miss out on any activities or opportunities, this fund helps us cover some of the shortfall, helping us continue to provide a range of opportunities, regardless of whether students are able to pay.

Part of running the annual Khandallah Fair is to enable Rotary to be able to give back to the local community, especially with the continuing cost pressures upon everyone.

We really appreciate this contribution from Rotary and are thrilled to be able to receive it again in 2024.

We would like to acknowledge the Ngaio students that completed the 40 Hour World Vision Challenge last term. \$1,525

was raised for the communities in Timor-Leste. This money will help to equip farmers to unlock underground forests, help young people learn



about climate-smart agriculture, climate smart businesses, and how to keep forests healthy for years to come.

A big shout out to the Year 4, 5, & 6 participants: Raas, Ellie W, Hannah (and Ben!), Fra, Daniel, Cerys, Ellie T, Charlie and Alice R.

ERO research on Relationships and Sexuality Education

Our school has been selected to take part in national research by the Education Review Office, about Relationships and Sexuality Education. This means that our students will be invited to complete short surveys early next term, that will ask them simple questions about their learning related to this area of the curriculum. The surveys are designed to be appropriate to their level of the curriculum.

If you would prefer that your child is *not* invited to complete these surveys, please email Raewyn principal@ngaio.school.nz or let your child's teacher know.

You can find out more about this topic on this site, particularly the section 'What will my child learn?'

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/sexuality-education/#What-is-it>



We have received this invitation to our local Ngā Aukaha Learning Support Campaign Launch – a Community Forum in Johnsonville!

In collective bargaining teachers and principals pushed hard for better learning support but governments of both stripes have made frustratingly little progress. Field Officers heard this clearly in Paid Union Meetings again this year. That is why our member leaders started the **Ngā Aukaha Campaign** – a political campaign to create sustained pressure on the government to fund an inclusive education system. An effort to build the community demand for change, beyond collective bargaining.

The two priorities this year are a teacher aide for every child that needs them and increasing the staffing of MOE/school-based specialists. People

like SENCO, counsellors, resource teachers, advisors, therapists, kaitakawaenga and psychologists.

MPs have been invited and they respond to a united community voice and pressure, so let's fill the hall with educators and parents.

Come to your community forum from 4-5pm on the 28th of August at Johnsonville Community Centre to build the pressure on political leaders to do right by tamariki and fund meaningful learning support provision. [RSVP here.](#)

2024 Wellington and Kapi Mana Primary & Intermediate Schools Tournament

This singles tennis tournament is being held at the Renouf Tennis Centre. Year 6 and under grades for primary aged boys and girls report at 8:30am on Tuesday 24th September.

Players

- will be guaranteed at least two single matches, weather permitting
- must have played tennis before and have knowledge of the rules of tennis and how to serve and score
- must bring their own tennis racquet and wear appropriate sporting attire

One parent is required per school to manage the players.

If your child wishes to take part please email n.mitchell@ngaio.school.nz with the subject heading of "Tennis Tournament" advising your child's name by 10:30am on Tuesday 3rd September.

Please also let me know if you are available to manage and /or transport children on the day.

The payment of \$20 may be deposited into our school bank account 12 3140 0210759 00 with your child's name as reference and using the code 4952

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting - Thursday 1st August

The first PTA meeting of the term will be hosted this Thursday 1st August at 7pm, in the staff room. All Welcome! We use these meetings to plan events for the term to benefit our tamariki and community.

Book Week Events & the Scholastic Book Fair - Seeking Volunteers

Book Week is taking place at Ngaio School between Monday 2nd - Friday 6th September.

As part of the week's festivities the PTA will be hosting the **Scholastic Book Fair** where Scholastic books and items are made available for purchase in a 'school store'.

- Friday 6 th September 2.45pm - 3.30pm
- Monday 9 th September 8.30am - 9.15am and 2.45 pm- 3.30pm
- Tuesday 10 th September 8.30am - 9.15am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm

Pizzas & Popsicles will be available to purchase for Kids' Lunch on Friday 6th September – these will be made available to purchase in the coming weeks via MyKindo.

There will be a **Bake Sale** which will take place on Monday 9th September at the Book Fair after school that day – cash only for these items.

A **Raffle Hamper** will be sold adjacent to the Book Fair, with 2 mystery Scholastic books among other items – cash only. If you or your business have any items to contribute, please email pta@ngaio.school.nz

All proceeds from the Scholastic Book Fair and associated fundraising goes directly into purchasing items for our wonderful school library.



We are **Seeking Volunteers** to make this event a success:

Bake Sale - we need bakers and sellers

Book Fair - process sales of books. Training on Eftpos will be provided.

Pizza & Popsicle Lunch delivery - help us get pizzas & popsicles to the classroom. **Click on this link** to express your availability to help - <https://forms.gle/QYXF8zpdFjeRLqrZA>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TERM 3

GO FOR GOLD!!
Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm
BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!
www.kellysports.co.nz

- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Mini Ball

Starts Week 2 of term 3 for 8 weeks!
contact: adminwgtm@kellysports.co.nz



St Mark's
School & Preschool



Explore Year 7

Join us for St Mark's Year 7 Information Evening and discover how we can support your child's crucial intermediate years with excellence and care.

Email enrol@st-marks.school.nz to register your interest.

Wednesday 21 August, 2024
6pm, School Library

www.st-marks.school.nz

KIDS HIPHOP AND JAZZ CLASSES

Sign up for fun, friendly local dance classes for kids
Ballet classes also available- check website for more information

Hiphop classes:

WED 4.00-4.45pm
7-9 year olds

FRI 4.00-4.45pm
10-12 year olds

Jazz classes:

WED 4.45-5.30pm
7-9 year olds

FRI 4.45-5.30pm
10-12 year olds

Contact for Enquiries/Enrolment:
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KHANDALLAH JAZZ AND HIPHOP



Save the Children
New Zealand

An event hosted by kids for kids



3:30-6pm Sunday 4th August
Khandallah Town Hall

**Quality Pre-loved Toys, Games, Books,
Puzzles, Bake Sale, a Sausage Sizzle & More...**

**We're raising money for Save The Children, and
we're saving the planet... one pre-loved toy at a
time. Scan the QR code to follow the event on
Facebook, or search 'Twilight Toy Market' in
Facebook Events**

FREE ENTRY
CASH ONLY - Money Machine nearby

